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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MARCH 12 MEETING WITH MOROCCAN
FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETTA: THE HORN

1. IN FOLLOW-UP MEETING MARCH 12 SECRETARY UPDATED
PREVIOUS DAY'S DISCUSSION ON HORN (SEE SEPTELS FOR
EXCHANGES ON OTHER SUBJECTS) BY TELLING FONMIN HE HAD BEEN
IN TOUCH WITH NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GARBA. IN RESPONSE
SECRETARY'S QUESTION ON STATUS OF OAU CONSIDERATION OF
OGADEN SITUATION, GARBA SAID OAU COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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WOULD BE MEETING IN LAGOS ON THURSDAY. GARBA TOLD
SECRETARY HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT BECAUSE OAU NOT EQUIPPED
TO HANDLE PROBLEM THAT COMMITTEE AGREE IT SHOULD BE TURNED
OVER TO UN, WHICH COULD FIELD NECESSARY OBSERVERS AND GIVE
HUMANITARIAN AID. WHEN SECRETARY ASKED IF OAU WOULD BE
LOCKED INTO THIS POSITION SHOULD THERE BE BLOODSHED
BETWEEN WEEKEND AND THURSDAY, GARBA REPLIED THAT IN THOSE

CIRCUMSTANCES HE WOULD BE READY TO RECOMMEND TO NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT THAT PROBLEM BE BROUGHT TO UN.

2. CONTINUING, SECRETARY SAID LATE SATURDAY HE LEARNED OF ETHIOPIAN STATEMENT INDICATING ADDIS ABABA'S INTENTION TO CONTINUE FIGHTING IN ORDER TO DESTROY AS MANY SOMALI TROOPS AS POSSIBLE. SECRETARY HAD HAD SOMEONE CALL GARBA TO EXPRESS U.S. VIEW THAT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE TAKEN TO UN AND TO ASK GARBA TO SEEK APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM LAGOS. SECRETARY SAID HE STILL AWAITING GARBA'S RESPONSE.

3. MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN, WHO ALSO IS MOROCCO'S PERMREP, SAID HIS COUNTRY WOULD SUPPORT THIS

APPROACH GIVEN EXTENT OF KILLING IN ETHIOPIA IN PAST AND POSSIBILITY PATTERN COULD BE REPEATED IN OAGDEN.
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